



Green Mountain *National Forest*

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Lye Brook Wilderness

Area Facts:

Acres: 15, 680 acres	USGS maps: Sunderland, Manchester, Peru, Stratton Mountain
Hiking level: Map and compass experience is suggested for wilderness travel	Use restrictions: No Bicycles or Motorized Equipment
Enacting Law: Eastern Wilderness Act of 1975 and 1984 Vermont Wilderness Act	

About Wilderness:

Wilderness is Congressionally designated land managed to allow natural forces to dominate the character of the land, provide opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation, and allow for undisturbed development of plant and animal species and protection of their habitats.

The “wilderness experience” should include the spirit of challenge, discovery, and self-reliance. Therefore, the areas are not managed for visitor comfort and convenience. Be prepared to meet certain obstacles: trail brushing and blazing may be limited, trees may obstruct the trail, you may have to ford streams, signs do not provide mileage information, and rescues may take longer due to primitive conditions. Unexpected accidents, illnesses, weather changes, and difficult travel conditions may be encountered.

Area Description:

Most of the Lye Brook Wilderness is above 2,500 feet on a high plateau with several lakes and bogs. The western quarter is extremely steep, facing west-northwest towards US Route 7 and Manchester. There are three established trails in the Lye Brook Wilderness, including a section of the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail with its associated shelters. Sections of these trails are very wet and muddy and gaiters and waterproof boots are recommended.

A century ago, heavy logging occurred throughout this area. A network of railroad lines carried the timber from the plateau down into Manchester. Remnants of railroad grades and old logging roads remain, although these are largely overgrown.

Access:

Arlington-West Wardsboro Rd.: Gives access via the Branch and Stratton Pond trails. Summer only.

Forest Road 70: Gives access via the Branch Pond trail. Summer only.

Rootville Road: Gives access via the AT/LT south. Summer only.

Glen Road: Gives access via the Lye Brook trail. Summer only.

Routes 11/30: Gives access via the AT/LT to Branch Pond Trail. Year round at the AT/LT parking lot.



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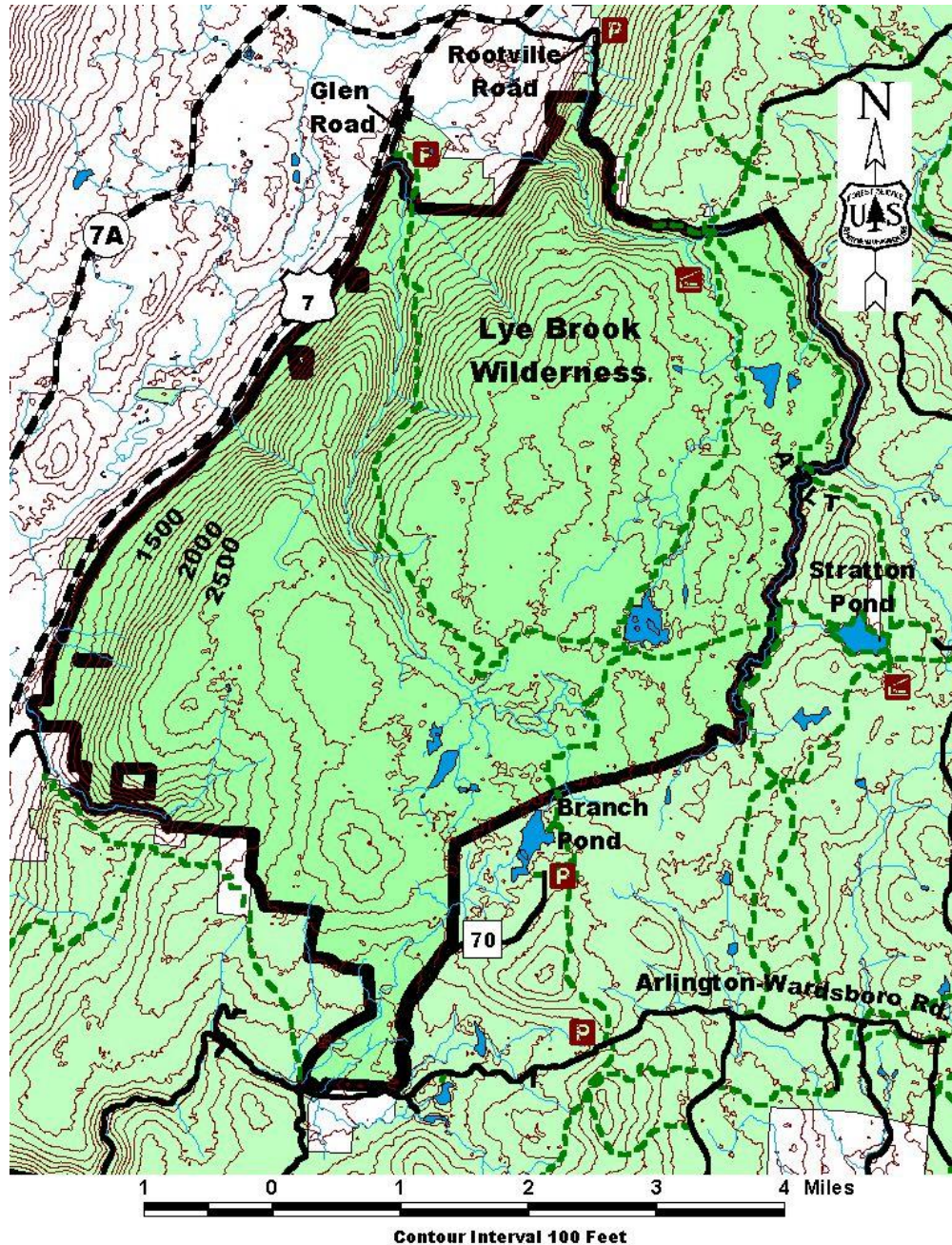
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Emergency Services:

For all Emergencies: **911**

911 Information: The Wilderness is in the Towns of Manchester, Winhall, Stratton, and Sunderland

Map:



Other Resources:

- Leave No Trace ROG or www.lnt.org
- Individual Hiking ROGs
- Outdoor Safety ROG

For More Information:

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